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SUBJECT: BILAK AS ANTI-EUROCOMMUNISM SPOKESMAN

1. THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY, IN THE PERSON OF PARTY SECRETARY VASIL BILAK, APPEARS TO HAVE AGAIN ASSUMED THE FAMILIAR ROLE OF SOVIET MOUTHPIECE, THIS TIME BY ATTACKING THE EUROCOMMUNISM CONCEPT. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE IN VIENNA JUNE 16, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH AUSTRIAN CP CHAIRMAN MUHRI, AND IN A MAJOR SPEECH TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNION OF CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS JUNE 17, BILAK LASHED OUT AT EUROCOMMUNISM AS A "BRAINCHILD OF ANTICOMMUNISM." THE SPEECH REPORTEDLY WAS QUOTED AT LENGTH IN JUNE 19

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MOSCOW PRAVDA, PRESUMABLY GIVING BILAK'S STATEMENTS THE FULL CPSU IMPRIMATUR.

2. IN HIS SPEECH TO THE JOURNALISTS, TEXT OF WHICH WE ASSUME FBIS WILL HAVE, BILAK SAID EUROCOMMUNISM IS AN ANTI COMMUNIST CONCEPT IMPUTED TO WESTERN CPS IN A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO DIVIDE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT GEOGRAPHICALLY AND TO

ENCOURAGE ANYTHING THAT SPLINTERS THE MOVEMENT. HE CALLED EUROCOMMUNISM A "HODGEPODGE OF PETTY BOURGEOIS REFORMIST ELEMENTS, INCLUDING NATIONAL COMMUNISM, POPULIST CAPITALISM, DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM AND "HUMAN-FACED " SOCIALISM." TRASH IS TRASH, WENT ON BILAK, NO MATTER HOW THE ADVOCATES OF EUROCOMMUNISM WRAP THEIR PRODUCT.

3. COMMENT: THAT THE UNREMITTINGLY LOYAL-TO-MOSCOW CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY FINDS EUROCOMMUNISM DISTASTEFUL IS NO SURPRISE, BUT UP TO THIS POINT THE DISTASTE HAS BEEN EXPRESSED PRIMARILY IN BRIEF SNEERING ASIDES IN THE MEDIA. NOW APPARENTLY THE CPCZ HAS CHOSEN (OR BEEN CHOSEN) TO ACT AS MOSCOW'S POINT IN ATTACKS ON THE CONCEPT. IN PART THIS IS FAUTE DE MIEUX, SINCE MOST OTHER RULING EUROPEAN CPS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN SLANGING MATCHES WITH WESTERN PARTIES TO THE GREATER GLORY OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM. THE CPCZ AT THIS POINT HAS NOTHING TO LOSE, SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE FRENCH, ITALIAN AND SPANISH PARTIES TO BECOME MUCH WORSE THAN THEY ARE ALREADY. BOTH PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF THE EUROCOMMUNIST CURRENTS INSIDE THOSE PARTIES WILL, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZE THAT COMING FROM THE CPCZ, AND ESPECIALLY FROM THE IMPECCABLY HARDLINE BILAK, THE MESSAGE HAS THE STATUS OF HOLY CPSU WRIT.
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